



October 20, 2015 - News for You



# TOWN OF FREEPORT

MUNICIPAL BULLETIN

## Upcoming Town Council Meetings:

*November 10, 2015*

**Town Council Organizational Meeting**

**6:30 p.m.**

**Town Council Chambers**

*A full listing of upcoming Town meetings and agendas is available on the Town's website at: [www.freeportmaine.com](http://www.freeportmaine.com)*



## TOWN OF FREEPORT ELECTION NOTICE

On **November 3, 2015** the polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the gymnasium at the Freeport High School located at 30 Holbrook Street for the State Referendum & Municipal Election.

**Absentee Ballots** are now available at the Freeport Town Clerk's Office. The deadline to request an absentee ballot is Thursday, October 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. There are 5 ways to request an absentee ballot:

- 1) In-person at the Town Clerk's Office during the hours of the Town Clerk: 7:30 am to 6:00 pm Mon - Thurs. Residents of Freeport may also register to vote during these hours or make changes to current voting information such as a change of name, address or party affiliation. **Address changes should be made by October 29<sup>th</sup> in order for your name to be printed on the correct District Voter List.** We will have a Registrar available on Election Day as well.
- 2) Electronically: <http://maine.gov/cgi-bin/online/AbsenteeBallot/index.pl>
- 3) By Mail – call the Town Clerk at 865-4743 Ext 123.
- 4) Immediate Family Member – must fill out an application at the Clerk's Office.
- 5) 3<sup>rd</sup> Person – application required. Call the Town Clerk at 865-4743 Ext 123 or stop by the Town Clerk's Office. Ballots cast using this method must be witnessed by either the Town Clerk, Notary Public, or Clerk of Courts, or by two other witnesses.

**Also**, if you have moved since the last time you voted, please stop by the Town Clerk's office with proof of residency by October 29<sup>th</sup> so your name will appear on the correct district voting list. There will be a Municipal Election on November 3, so the voting lists will be split by district and if you have moved, your voting district may have changed. Correcting this now will prevent standing in line to do it on Election Day, November 3<sup>rd</sup>.

*If you have any questions, contact the Clerk's Office at 865-4743 x123.*

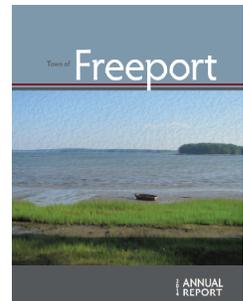
## Town Manager's Report October 20, 2015

The Public Works Department is gearing up for winter! As a result, work on the South Freeport Village roads project will be suspended for the season. All existing work should be wrapped up by the end of this week, and will not resume until next construction season.

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The Town was honored to recently receive an award from the Maine Municipal Association for last year's annual report! Freeport's report was judged the 1<sup>st</sup> place winner in the 5,000+ population category. The award was presented at the Association's annual convention recently, and is the latest in a long

string of 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place awards that we have received over the past several years. Credit for this award goes to the department directors and committee chairs who contribute material to the annual report, but special recognition is due to Caroline Pelletier in the Planning Department, who does the bulk of the work organizing the report each year and working with the printer to ensure the high standards that Freeport's annual report has come to be known for. The annual report is available at the Town Hall and Library and can also be viewed online at:



[http://freeportmaine.com/page.php?page\\_id=159&title=Town Reports - Annual](http://freeportmaine.com/page.php?page_id=159&title=Town Reports - Annual). Congrats to Caroline, and all involved!

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The Town was also recently recognized by the Maine Conservation Alliance for the "Solarize Freeport" program. "Solarize" helped secure low Installation prices through a bulk purchase of

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## Freeport Energy Summit

Saturday, November 7, 2015  
9:00 – 11:30AM  
Freeport Town Offices

Solarize Freeport is wrapping up,  
SO  
WHAT'S NEXT ?

EVERYONE IS INVITED

The goal is to come up with a few initiatives that can be started right away in the areas of energy conservation, renewable energy and innovation.

RSVP is appreciated but not required



For more information or to RSVP contact  
Donna Larson, Town Planner at 865-4743 ext 103 or  
dlarson@freeportmaine.com

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solar arrays for homes here in Freeport, at little cost to the Town. In fact only a small amount of in-kind staff time costs were incurred throughout the entire process, which was overwhelmingly successful. At the same time, Maine Beer Company, based here in Freeport, was also recognized for the solar array they recently installed at their brewery on Route One. This array allows them to generate half of their electricity on site, lowering their operating costs. Congratulations to everyone who worked on both projects!

## Freeport Community Library Children's Room Events!



**LEGO Club** meets the first Wednesday of every month from 3:30 pm – 4:30 pm in the story room. For children ages 5-12.

**Yoga for Kids** on the first Tuesday of the month at 10:30 a.m. for parents & toddlers/preschoolers.

**Miss Lisa's Songs & Stories**, first Saturday of the month at 10:30 am for toddlers and preschoolers.

**Halloween Parade**, Tuesday, October 27<sup>th</sup> at 10:15 am. Come in your costume for a Parade through the library.



**Free Back to School movies for grades 6-8**, on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month at 2:20 p.m. Free popcorn included. November 19<sup>th</sup> – *Inside Out* (PG – 95 minutes).



**Become a Junior Page in the Children's Room!** Open to grades 6 and up. Stop by the Children's Room for details.

FMI: [www.freeportlibrary.com](http://www.freeportlibrary.com)

## Nominations are now being accepted for the 2015 Citizen of the Year

Each year the Freeport Town Council presents a Citizen of the Year Award to honor those who have contributed significantly to the quality of the Town.

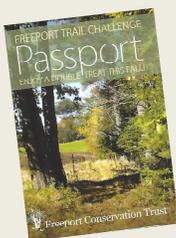
Nomination forms are available at the Town Office, the Freeport Community Library and can be found on the Town's website at [www.freeportmaine.com](http://www.freeportmaine.com). Deadline for nominations for the 2015 Citizen of the Year Award is December 10, 2015.

## It's not too late to participate in the Freeport Trail Challenge!

Explore four of Freeport's trails and keep track of your outings on the **Freeport Trail Challenge Passport**. The Passport can be picked up around town and through the co-sponsors: *Town of Freeport, Casco Bay YMCA and Freeport Conservation Trust*.

Learn more at:

[freeportconservationtrust.org](http://freeportconservationtrust.org)



Deadline to submit your Passport:  
Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup>!